

KING AND SPANISH MACKEREL: COMMERCIAL FISHERIES, 2004/2005 FISHING YEAR
LANDINGS REPORTED, STATUS OF QUOTAS, AND DAILY VESSEL TRIP/LANDING LIMITS (IN POUNDS, lb)¹

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SPECIES	MIGRATORY GROUP	ZONE	SUBZONE	GEAR/ FISHERY	QUOTA (Pounds, lb)	ESTIMATED LANDINGS (lb) (Ending Date ²)	% OF QUOTA LANDED	DAILY TRIP/ LANDING LIMIT ³	AREA FOR DAILY TRIP/ LANDING LIMITS	STATUS ACTION DATE
<i>KING MACKEREL</i>	ATLANTIC	Mid & South Atlantic		Hook & Line and Gillnet (North of Cape Lookout, NC)	3,710,000	2,483,586 (01/31/05)	66.9%	3,500 lb	NY-FL (Flagler/Volusia)	Opened: 04/01/04 Ends: 03/31/05
		WESTERN Texas-Alabama		Hook-and-Line	1,010,000	1,049,152 (11/01/04)	103.9%	0 lb	Texas - Alabama	Opened: 07/01/04 Closed: 10/20/04
	GULF	EASTERN Florida	East Coast ⁴	Hook-and-line	1,040,625	177,372 (01/14/05)	17.0%	75 Fish ⁵	Flagler/Volusia - Miami-Dade/Monroe	Opened: 11/01/04 Ends: 03/31/05
			West Coast: Northern:	Hook-and-line	168,750	81,165 (12/31/04)	48.1%	1,250 lb ⁶	AL/FL - Lee/Collier	Opened: 07/01/04 Closed: 11/13/03
			Southern:	Hook-and-line	520,312	169,324 (02/15/05)	32.5%	1,250 lb ⁶	Lee/Collier - Monroe/Miami-Dade	Opened: 07/01/04 Closed: 04/09/04
				Gillnet	520,312	570,394 (01/28/05)	109.6%	0 lb	Lee/Collier - Monroe/Miami-Dade	Closed: 01/28/05 Opens: 01/17/06
<i>SPANISH MACKEREL</i>	ATLANTIC	Northern (NY-GA)			3,870,000	2,920,692 (02/15/05)	75.5%	3,500 lb	NY-GA	Opened: 04/01/04 Ends: 03/31/05
		Southern (FL)						1,500 ⁷	FL(GA/FL-Miami-Dade/Monroe)	
	GULF	Gulf of Mexico			5,187,000	909,672 (12/31/04)	17.5%	Unlimited	TX-FL (Monroe/Miami-Dade)	Opened: 04/01/04 Ends: 03/31/05

¹ NOTE: This report is an unofficial summary of pertinent Federal regulations for the mackerel species and migratory groups specified. The landings information contained herein is based upon estimates that are subject to change or revision without prior notice as additional information becomes available. Information contained in this report does not relieve persons from abiding by the regulations promulgated under 50 CFR Part 622 or elsewhere which have been filed for publication or published in the *Federal Register*. Participants and others interested in these fisheries should closely monitor official sources such as the Federal regulations and the Federal Register, as well as the usual and customary sources of information such as NMFS or NOAA Fisheries news releases Southeast Fishery Bulletins, and Web site (<http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/pubann/pa05/sfbulletins.htm>), or broadcasts on NOAA Weather Radio Stations.

² Ending date of most recently received landings estimates.

³ Stated vessel trip limits are effective through March 31, 2005, unless an in-season trip-limit reduction or fishery closure has been implemented on or before February 15, 2005.

⁴ The Florida east coast subzone, located between the Flagler/Volusia and the Miami-Dade/Monroe County boundaries, exists only from November 1 through March 31, when Gulf group king mackerel extend into that area. From April 1 through October 31, king mackerel landed in this area belong to the Atlantic migratory group of king mackerel.

⁵ Trip limit increases from 50 fish/day to 75 fish/day on February 1, 2005, if less than 75 percent or 780,469 pounds of the Florida east coast subzone quota is harvested prior to February 1, 2005.

⁶ Trip limit is reduced to 500 pounds/day when 75 percent of the subzone's quota is harvested: Northern Subzone, 126,563 pounds; Southern Subzone, 390,234 pounds.

⁷ Unlimited trip limit begins December 1 and continues until 75 percent or a projected 2.715 million pounds of the adjusted quota (3.62 million pounds) is harvested. Daily trip limits during the unlimited season are: **Unlimited** on Monday through Friday and not to exceed **1,500** pounds on Saturday and Sunday. For these Spanish mackerel trip limits off the Florida east coast, a fishing day begins 6 AM and extends for 24 hours. Spanish mackerel taken in compliance with the trip limit schedule and retained on a vessel terminating a trip prior to 6 AM will not be considered in possession, provided the vessel is not underway after 6 AM and the fish are unloaded prior to 6 PM that same day.